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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO; HONG KONG FOR RTC FROM RSO

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: NEW TRANSMISSION FOR 1966 PONTIAC

REF: STATE 268527

1. APPRECIATE SY/FO'S PLAN PURCHASE NEW TRANSMISSION FOR 1966 PONTIAC. SEQUENCE OF GEAR INDICATORS ON STEERING COLUMN FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IS P-N-R-D-L.

2. OF MORE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE AT THE MOMENT IS THE SUSPENSION, SPECIFICALLY THE SHOCK ABSORBERS. REQUEST SHIPMENT OF FOUR (4) HEAVY DUTY SHOCK ABSORBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR SUBJECT VEHICLE. WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE TIME IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN THE COST OF MAINTAINING THIS VEHICLE MAY EXCEED THE COST OF REPLACEMENT.

3. IN THAT REGARD, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE 1966 PONTIAC IS NOT REPEAT NOT FACTORY ARMORED AND HAS NO BULLET RESISTANT GLASS. FURTHER, THIS VEHICLE IS NOT ONLY A BACK-UP CAR FOR THE AMBASSADOR, BUT IS USED AS A DEDICATED VEHICLE FOR TOP LEVEL OFFICIAL VISITORS (EXAMPLE, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND SECRETARY OF THE NAVY).

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND THE EXISTENCE OF
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A THREAT IN THIS AREA, POST REQUESTS A REPLACE-

MENT, FULLY ARMORED, VEHICLE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DATE.
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